

REMARKS

Claims 16-20 and 25-27 remain in this application with claims 16 and 25 being independent claims.

In The Claims

In the present official action, independent claims 16 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nevo et al. (6,320,873) in view of Holcman et al (20040072563). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and assert that neither Nevo nor Holcman, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, teach, disclose, or render obvious the present invention. In particular, the present invention claims a “switch...adapted to send and receive both GSM and CDMA messages” (see claim 16) and a “switch...adapted to send and receive both CDMA messages and another telecommunication technology message” (see claim 25). However, this is not what is disclosed or taught in Nevo. Nevo does not disclose a single switch for doing such, rather Nevo discloses GSM MSC 24 for GSM messages and CDMA BSC 34 for CDMA messages which communicate from one to the other through GPRS (general packet data service) network 50 (see figure 1). Applicants further assert that this deficiency is further not remedied by Holcman. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 16 and 25 are patentable over the cited references.

Regarding the rejections of claims 17-20, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 16, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 16, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.

Regarding the rejections of claims 26 and 27, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 25, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 25, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Craig A. Hoersten at 972.519.5143.

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